

# Downside Abbey St Benedict's Parish Newsletter

## Mass & Office Times

*Everyone is welcome*

### Masses in St Benedict's church

Saturday Vigil Mass 5pm

Sunday Masses 9am, 11am & 6pm

### Weekday Masses in Holy Ghost church, Midsomer Norton

Tuesday, Friday & Saturday at 9.45am

### Confessions

Saturdays at Holy Ghost from 10.15-11am

Sundays in St Benedict's from 10.15-10:45am

Sundays in the Abbey church from 9.35-9.55am

### Regular events

Adoration 9.30-12.30 Monday to Saturday and 11.15-5.45 on Sundays during the summer

Prayer group on Mondays at 7.30pm in Holy Ghost church

Rosary on Thursdays at 7pm in St Benedict's

### The Abbey Church

#### Weekdays

Vigils 6am  
Lauds 7.10am  
Mass 8.35am  
Midday Office 12.30pm  
Vespers 6pm

#### Sundays

Lauds 7.30am  
Mass 10am  
Midday Office 12.30pm  
Vespers/Benediction 5pm

### Do you find the Newsletter hard to read?

A large-print edition is available on request by filling in a form in the church porch.

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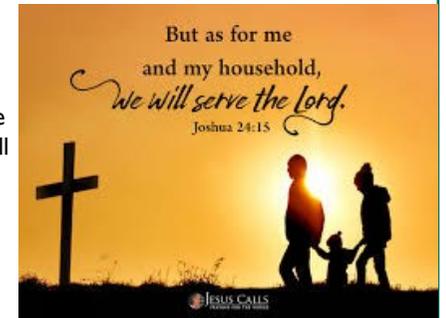
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## Twenty-First Sunday Year B – 26th August 2018

“As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord” (Josh. 24:15)

Among Old Testament scholars, Joshua 24 is often considered to be one of the key texts. It takes place after the death of Moses and just before the conquest of the land is complete. The people of Israel need to make a key decision: will they serve the Lord, who revealed himself to Moses at the burning bush (Exodus 3) and who gave them the Law on Mount Sinai (Exodus 20), or will they serve the gods of the Amorites in Canaan? We need to remember that gods were usually considered to be local and it was not unusual for a person to transfer their allegiance from one god to another when they moved from place to place. In this passage the people of Israel renew their part of the covenant with the Lord, who had shown his loyalty and steadfast love to them in the past and would continue to do so in the future. This choice for the Lord is one that we have to make as well. When we were baptised, our parents made the decision for us, and at confirmation we made that decision for ourselves, but it is a decision that needs to be renewed. We do this each Easter when we renew our baptismal vows, and we do this every Sunday and holyday when we say the Creed. It is also worth remembering that the Greek for Joshua is 'Jesus'. As Joshua led the people of Israel into the Promised Land, so Jesus leads us into heaven, our own promised land.



Dom Anselm Brumwell  
Sub-Prior

### August Needs

Tinned tomatoes/Meat soups  
Sponge puddings/Coffee  
Drinking chocolate/Brown sauce & ketchup/Powdered milk/UHT milk  
Deodorants (not aerosol)/Razors/ Household cleaners (not bleach)/Toilet cleaner/Washing up liquid/Kitchen rolls



### Items for the Newsletter

If you would like to contribute items for consideration for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter, please send to: [sparsons@downside.co.uk](mailto:sparsons@downside.co.uk) or call (01761 235323)

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Daniel Justin, Director of Music, for the Diocese of East Anglia is holding a **hymn singing evening** on Wednesday 29th August in the church at 7.30pm. This is a chance to learn some new hymns and sing some of the old favourites. Everyone is welcome and no music ability is required. Daniel is one of the country's leading Catholic musicians so this is a great opportunity for our parish music.

The **annual parish BBQ** will be after the 5pm Mass **next week** on Saturday 1st September.

The next monthly **Mass in the Extraordinary Form** will be on Sunday, 2nd September at 11.15am in the crypt chapel of the abbey church. The readings and prayers are from the 15th Sunday after Pentecost.

**Children's Liturgy** at the 11am Mass will start again in September.

**Hear about CAFOD's work for this Harvest Fast Day** from one of our CAFOD staff members who have in-depth knowledge about our work overseas.

**Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> – 1.30pm-3.00pm:** English Martyrs Parish, Tuffley Lane, Tuffley, Gloucester, GL4 0NX with main speaker Giovanna Reda, CAFOD Head of Humanitarian Programmes Asia, Middle East, Latin America & Caribbean (AMELAC);  
**Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup> – 7.00pm-8.30pm:** St Bonaventure's Parish, Egerton Rd, Bristol BS7 8HU with main speaker Zoe Corden, CAFOD Emergency Response Officer  
**Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> – 2.00pm-3.30pm:** St John the Baptist Parish, 2 Wingfield Rd, Trowbridge BA14 9EA also with Zoe Corden. Contact Liz Baldwin at CAFOD to book: 01179 428 328; ebaldwin@cafod.org.uk

**St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) Awareness Month 2018: Beyond Boundaries Week I.** The Christ-centred SVP was founded in 1833 by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam and has almost 10,000 volunteers in England and Wales. The mission is 'to seek and find those in need, to help them in the spirit of justice and to tackle the causes of poverty where we can'. Nationally, SVP staff/members visit, befriend, assist in SVP shops, volunteer in community projects and support work overseas.

**SVP at St Benedict's.** Since our September 2017 interviews to become voluntary SVP members, we have completed DBS; formed our group of 8; received faith-based training. We meet fortnightly and visit regularly. There will be a **soup and cheese lunch in aid of Parish SVP Funds**, 12 September 12 - 2 p.m. in St. Benedict's Parish Room (church hall), with a Bring & Buy table and Raffle. Entrance £4. If you know anyone who you feel would benefit from visits or practical help please give their name and contact details to either Fr Michael or Fr Boniface. If you would like to join us in visiting those in need (Full member)/ support (Auxiliary) role or find out more about the SVP, please ask or email Rosemary Tatar bluerabbit70@hotmail.co.uk If you would like to make a donation, please give to the priest saying Mass. Thank you.

**The Parish Collection:** Last week raised: £426.16

**Martyrology: St Anne Line** was born as Alice Heigham in Essex of Calvinist parents in about 1563, and through her father was the granddaughter of Roger Heigham MP, one of the Protestant reformers under King Henry VIII. She became a Catholic sometime in the 1580s, after which she was known as 'Anne', along with her brother and Roger Line, whom she would marry in February 1583. Roger Line and her brother, William, were both disinherited for their conversion and Anne lost her dowry. Roger Line and William Heigham were arrested whilst attending Mass, and were imprisoned and fined. Whilst William was later released on surety, Roger was banished and went to Flanders, where he received a small allowance from the King of Spain, part of which he sent to his wife, until he died in about 1564. At about this time, Fr John Gerard SJ opened a house for priests in hiding and put Anne Line in charge. She ran the house for about 3 years whilst he was in prison. In his autobiography he wrote, "After my escape from [the Tower of London] Anne Line gave up managing the house. By then she was known to so many people that it was unsafe for me to frequent any house she occupied. Instead, she hired apartments in another building and continued to shelter priests there. One day, however (the Purification of Our Lady), she allowed in an unusually large number of Catholics to hear Mass... Some neighbours noticed the crowd and the constables were at the house at once". She was arrested on 2nd February 1601 along with another woman, who was pardoned. She was so weak from fever that she was carried to the trial in a chair. She told the court that she had no regrets but only regretted that she could not receive a thousand more. She was sentenced to death and hanged on 27th February 1601. Her feast is on 30th August, with St Margaret Clitherow and St Margaret Ward.



**We pray for the sick of our parish**, especially Basil Durnford, Margaret Reynolds, Eve Nuttall, Dolores Niles, Sheila Noad, Rob Butt, Marie-Louise McGarvey, Jake Francis-Jones and Emmi di Maggio. If you know someone who would like to be added to this list, please let the priest at Mass know their name.

**Diocesan prayer intention:** Our Lady and St Alphege, Bath

**Ecumenical prayer intention:** Bath City Church, local group

**CAFOD school volunteers needed!** Could you spare some time to volunteer with CAFOD and help children and young people learn about global poverty, and motivate them to take action? Could you visit your local Catholic school to talk about the work of CAFOD? We are looking for volunteers in the Taunton, Glastonbury and Salisbury areas to visit Catholic schools and parish groups to give a short presentation or talk about the work of CAFOD and inspire children and young people to make a difference. For further information please contact Liz Baldwin at CAFOD Clifton on 01179 428 328 or email clifton@cafod.org.uk

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